

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following after paragraph [0031] of the application as originally published:

[0031A] FIG. 5 is a the distal most tip of the dissecting port of the present invention at a 45° angle and in an operative, dissecting configuration.

Please amend paragraphs [0032] to [0043] as originally published as follows:

[0032] FIG. 6 ~~FIG. 5~~ is a perspective view of the distal end of the dissecting port of the present invention constructed in accordance with another preferred embodiment and assuming a neutral, closed configuration;

[0033] FIG. 7 ~~FIG. 6~~ is a cross-sectional view taken along the line ~~[[6-6]]~~ of FIG. 6 ~~[[5]]~~;

[0034] FIG. 8 ~~FIG. 7~~ is a perspective view of the distal tip of the dissecting port of the present invention constructed in accordance with another preferred embodiment, the distal tip being shown assuming a neutral, closed configuration;

[0035] FIG. 9 ~~FIG. 8~~ is a cross-sectional view taken along the line ~~[[8-8]]~~ of FIG. 8 ~~[[7]]~~, the distal tip being utilized to gain access into the body cavity of a patient;

[0036] FIG. 10 ~~FIG. 9~~ is the cross-sectional view of FIG. 8 ~~[[7]]~~ wherein the distal tip is shown assuming an operative, dissecting configuration;

[0037] FIG. 11 ~~FIG. 10~~ is a cross-sectional view of a direct vision port site dissector constructed in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention as utilized to gain entry into a body cavity, vessel, or organ of a patient, the port dissector further having included therein an endoscope, or other viewing device to enable entry into the body cavity to be viewed by a physician;

[0038] FIG. 12 ~~FIG. 11~~ is a perspective view taken along line 12-12 ~~11-11~~ of FIG. 11 ~~[[10]]~~;

[0039] FIG. 13 ~~FIG. 12~~ is a cross-sectional view of an endoscopic port being positioned to gain access to a body cavity, vessel, or organ of a patient via the direct vision port site dissector of the present invention, the latter being withdrawn therefrom;

**[0040]** FIG. 14 ~~FIG. 13~~ is a view of the dissector tip taken along the line 14-14 ~~13-13~~ of FIG. 13 ~~[[12]]~~:

**[0041]** FIG. 15 ~~FIG. 14~~ is a side-view of a dissector tip of the direct vision port site dissector of the present invention, constructed in accordance with a preferred embodiment, shown in a second operative position;

**[0042]** FIG. 16 ~~FIG. 15~~ is a side view of the dissector tip of FIG. 15 ~~[[14]]~~ shown in a first neutral position;

**[0043]** FIG. 17 ~~FIG. 16~~ is a frontal view taken along line 17-17 ~~16-16~~ of FIG. 16 ~~[[15]]~~.